

Exhibit 6—NICE³ SOLICITATION DEFINITIONS

"Applicant" shall be the following: 1) a state agency in partnership with an industry partner(s); or 2) an industrial organization with a state/industrial partner agreement signed by the state and the industrial applicant. State agencies include state energy, state environmental, state business development, or any state agency as defined by 10 CFR 600.202. In addition to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, and all federally-recognized Indian tribes are eligible as described in 10 CFR 600.202.

"Award" means the written document executed by a DOE Contracting Officer, after an application is approved, which contains the terms and conditions for providing financial assistance to the recipient.

"Awardee" for purposes of this solicitation means the state government or industrial organization to which financial assistance is awarded and which is accountable for the use of the funds provided. The awardee is the entire legal entity even if only a particular component of the entity is designated in the financial assistance award document.

"Awarding agency" means (1) with respect to financial assistance, the Federal agency, and (2) with respect to a sub-award, the party that awarded the sub-award.

"Cost sharing or matching" means the value of non-federal in-kind and cash contributions to the project.

"Financial assistance" means the transfer of money or property to a recipient or sub-recipient to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation.

"Project period" means the total period of time indicated in an award during which DOE expects to provide financial assistance. A project period may consist of one or more budget periods.

"Recipient" means the entity that receives an award from DOE and is financially accountable for the use of any DOE funds provided for the performance of the project, and is legally responsible for carrying out the terms and conditions of the award.

"Selection" means the determination by the DOE Selection Official that negotiations take place with a particular applicant with the intent of awarding financial assistance.

"Small business" means an organization with less than 500 employees in accordance with Small Business Administration guidelines.

"Sub-award" means an award of financial assistance by an awardee to an eligible sub-awardee. The term includes financial assistance when provided by contractual legal agreement.

"Non-federal in-kind contributions" mean property or services which benefit a federally assisted project or program and which are contributed by non-Federal third parties without charge to the awardee, or a cost-type contractor under the financial assistance agreement.